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And They Plan to Take It From Your Customers and Your Business

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We must let our elected officials know that we don't want bigger government and higher taxes. Plus, more regulations and taxes on tobacco products will directly and negatively impact Maine businesses and likely threaten thousands of jobs.

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The best way to send that message is to write a short, personal note to your U.S. Representative stating your clear opposition to any new taxes. And remind him or her that a cigarette tax increase is still a tax increase.

Information for contacting your U.S. Representative is listed on the back of this flyer.

When you contact your Representative, keep these points in mind:

- This tax increase is about getting more money for the government and telling people how to live their lives — just another government plan to protect us from ourselves.
- A huge tax increase will encourage a black market for cheaper, tax-free cigarettes which will breed crime and give minors easier access to tobacco (criminals won't check IDs). Legitimate tobacco retailers will suffer.
- The high tax may threaten the livelihood of many of the 2 million people nationwide (over 7,000 in Maine) that work directly and indirectly in the tobacco industry.
- Those who can afford it the least will be hit the hardest. Lower to middle income adults making less than \$30,000 annually will pay more than half of the taxes.
- More money in government coffers means less money to pay bills, to provide for families and to invest in the future.

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The best way to send that message is to write or call your U.S. Representative to share your clear question to my lawmakers: **Are you still planning a cigarette tax increase?** It's still a yes/no question.

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What you can expect Representative Repsin to do

- This increase is about getting more money for the government and taking more from the taxpayers — just another government plan to protect us from ourselves.
- A huge tax increase will encourage a black market for cigarettes, leading to a market where with no time and few minor safety checks, tobacco companies will suffer.
- The huge tax may threaten the livelihood of many of the 2 million people making over \$10,000 a year and who work directly and indirectly in the tobacco industry.
- Those who can afford the least will be hit the hardest. Those with middle income will make less than \$30,000 annually will pay more than half of the taxes.
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- The high tax may threaten the livelihood of many of the 2 million people nationwide (over 4,000 in Rhode Island) that work directly and indirectly in the tobacco industry.
- Those who can afford it the least will be hit the hardest. Lower to middle income adults making less than \$30,000 annually will pay more than half of the taxes.
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DON'T RAISE OUR TAXES!

We, the undersigned, oppose increasing the federal cigarette excise tax. American Taxpayers are already over-taxed. We urge our elected officials to vote "NO" on any excise tax increase.

Signature	Print Name	Street	City	State	ZIP	Smoker (Y/N)
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